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Women's Legacy Fund Aid Africa Uganda Trip Fellowship

Objective: To provide travel funding for *up to* two church members to travel to Uganda with Aid Africa July 12 to July 30, 2016, to see their projects, to see some of the highlights of Uganda, and to report back to the congregation on their experiences

Application Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2016

Criteria for Applicants

- Must be a member of First Congregational Church of Pasadena, UCC, which includes members of (a)Spire.
- Demonstrate interest in Aid Africa and service to the poorest of the poor.
- Recipients under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Due to poor roads and rural pathways, recipients must be in reasonably good physical condition, be able to walk, and to easily enter and exit vehicles.
- Submit an application to the church office by January 15, 2016, that includes the following documents:
 - 1) Completed Application Form
 - 2) Statement of Interest (750 word maximum) explaining:
 - Why you are interested in traveling to Uganda with Aid Africa
 - What inspiration, knowledge, or personal development you hope to gain from this trip
 - How you plan to share this inspiration and what you learned with others
 - What impact do you expect this trip will have on your life after you return from Uganda?
 - 3) One letter of recommendation to address:
 - Qualifications/contributions made by the applicant
 - Personal characteristics the applicant possesses and professional potential toward making significant future contributions in outreach or service projects
 - What the applicant brings to the group experience, would gain from the trip, and could share upon their return
 - Why the applicant would benefit from this experience
 - Any concerns about the applicant's ability or suitability to participate in this trip

Recipient Responsibilities

- Recipient will secure a passport, visa, and immunizations for travel.
- Recipient will acquire trip insurance.
- Recipient is responsible for any expenses beyond the \$2,625 fellowship. Expenses include \$2,700 tour costs, airfare (estimated to be \$900-\$2,000), and any souvenirs or personal expenses on the trip.
- Travel award is not transferable to another individual.
- Recipient will be responsible for coordinating travel arrangements with Aid Africa.
- Recipient is asked to present a report to the congregation of their experiences at a forum following the trip.

Additional Information for Application

- Application should be submitted to the church office by January 15, 2016.
- Applicants will be notified of the final decision no later than February 15, 2016.
- Visitors and Volunteers information document and trip brochure will be provided to applicants.
- Questions regarding travel in Uganda can be addressed by Peter Keller, Irene Keller, or Elizabeth Lanski.

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APPLICATION FORM

1. Name: _____

2. Address: _____

(Street (Apt#) (City/State/Zip)

3. Tel No. (____)____ - _____

4. Email: _____

5. List current church involvement:

What service or outreach activities are you currently involved in, or have been in the recent past?

Where and when have you travelled outside of the United States?

Have you been on any service trips? If so, where, for how long, and for what purpose?

Would you plan to take another family member with you? If so, who?

PLEASE PRINT CONTACT INFORMATION OF REFERENCE

Name _____ . Tel No. (____)____ - _____

Email _____

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CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE STATEMENT ABOUT THE APPLICANT

1. Applicant's Name _____

2. Evaluator's Name _____

Tel# (_____) _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dear Evaluator,

The Scholarship Committee of First Congregational Church of Pasadena depends on and appreciates your careful appraisal of the above-named applicant. Your judgment about the applicant's suitability for participation in Aid Africa's activities and his/her desire to be of service is especially important. Your recommendation should include as much information as possible. Thank you very much.

3. Tell us briefly about yourself. In what capacity do you know the applicant? How long have you known the applicant?

4. Letter of recommendation Feel free to write on the back of this page or attach a document.

Be sure to address the following:

- What you see the applicant bringing to the group experience, gaining from the trip, and sharing upon their return
- Qualifications/contributions made by the applicant
- Personal characteristics the applicant possesses and professional potential toward making significant future contributions in outreach or service projects
- Why you feel this individual would benefit from this experience
- Any concerns you have about the applicant's ability or suitability to participate in this trip

Thank you again.